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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Docket No. 408520)

In re the Application of: )  
Boris Shkolnik )  
Serial No.: 09/578,317 ) Art Unit: 3763  
Filed: May 25, 2000 ) Examiner: M. DeSanto  
For: INFLATABLE BALLOON CATHETER WITH )  
PURGE MECHANISM AND METHOD )

TO: MAIL STOP: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 16, 2004, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is requested, so that the due date for response will be March 16, 2005. A check for \$120.00 is enclosed as the large entity one month extension fee.

Please amend the following:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 7.

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